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## ST. JOHNSBURY NAMED FOR ARNOLD'S SON

Lyndon Arnold Thinks It  
Was Not Named for  
DeCrevecoeur

Editor Caledonian-Record:

I am writing this to correct an error in the history of this town in which I am interested and I fully believe that I know as much about as any one living. I am a straight line descendant of Dr. Jonathan Arnold, the founder of the town. And I think I can prove to all fair-minded people, especially all who have read Dr. Edward Fairbanks' History of St. Johnsbury, that he has made an error which I wish to see rectified, about how the town got its name. I always had great respect for Dr. Fairbanks and he was one of my best friends and I think was probably sincere in his belief in what Mr. Stevens told him and when he got his mind fixed it was hard to change him. But I have discovered that many historians make history if they don't know anything about it and they want to get by, especially if it has never been made public. And knowing what I do in this matter it looks to me to be a great bluff, to keep up a historic reputation and get by.

Dr. Fairbanks in his preface says that he wrote Mr. Stevens that he was writing a history of the town and would like to visit him and get what data he could. Mr. Stevens invited him to his place, reciting that old gag about eating in the dining room three days, showing that he did know some ancient history alright.

And later Dr. Fairbanks went over and made him a visit. Of course as a historian it was necessary to have a full knowledge of how the town got its name and as it had not been published, he evidently hit upon a name that looked good to him, and probably had aged paper to write a nice letter for St. John de Crevecoeur, unknown to any one this side of the state. It evidently looked good to him if he could only get by with it which he did with Dr. Fairbanks. Now I will refer to a few things. In Dr. Fairbanks' book on page 21 he tells the true history of how the town got its name, which he calls tradition, and it was not only tradition but a fact. And when Dr. Fairbanks got the letter from Mr. Stevens in 1860, his father, who was born March 21, 1801, was living and died Feb. 15, 1871. His father, William C. Arnold, came here in 1787 and my grandmother came with them also, and she lived until 1860; so that the tradition about it have to be carried down many years. But when the great self-styled historian in his important way handed Dr. Fairbanks the letter, evidently written for the occasion, probably on well-aged paper, and remarked "That will tell you where you got your name," that evidently settled it with Dr. Fairbanks.

I will call your attention to page 24 in Dr. Fairbanks' book showing the date of that letter (please keep dates in mind). May 21, 1785, a little before the town was settled, also on page 64, an item taken from a paper called the Orange Nightingale and Newbury Morning Star, dated August 17, 1787, more than eight years before St. John de Crevecoeur wrote his letter to Ethan Allen. The item tells of a woman being mutilated and killed up at St. Johnsbury. This name is also referred to on page 16, where one Moses Little who was interested in the Dunmore Grants in a petition to the General Assembly October, 1787, refers to the more recently acquired land in Littleton, Can-

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### Sensible Spending

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## VOTERS EXEMPT THE NEW SHIRT FACTORY

Unanimous Action at Special  
Village Meeting Friday  
Night

At an enthusiastic special village meeting in the St. Johnsbury Town Hall Friday night it was unanimously voted to exempt the new shirt factory of Tauber, Lipton & Co., from taxation for a period of 10 years. Charles W. Steele presided as the village president and the call was read by the village clerk, Preston E. May.

The following resolution was introduced by Arthur F. Stone: Resolved, That the village of St. Johnsbury exempt for a period of ten years from the first day of April, 1920, so much of the real estate, machinery and property of Tauber, Lipton & Co., as shall be used in and about the making of shirts, provided said Tauber, Lipton & Co., come to St. Johnsbury and operate a shirt factory within the village of St. Johnsbury at some time during the year 1920.

This resolution was seconded by Edward G. Asselin and supported by Mr. Stone, Mr. Asselin, Dr. C. A. Cranton and L. N. Smythe. It was then unanimously adopted.

Mr. Stone spoke of the extensive plant of Tauber, Lipton & Co., stating they had 23 factories in New York state, Pennsylvania and New England. He said R. H. Neil, the manager of several of the Vermont plants had come here from Barre twice and had decided to take one of the vacant Hooker buildings and start a shirt factory early in March.

President Asselin of the Commercial Club told the voters present what the Tauber, Lipton & Co., had done in Rutland and how they were coming to smaller communities because of better labor conditions.

Dr. Cranton spoke of the advantages of new industries in St. Johnsbury and said he was heartily in favor of the passage of the resolution. Mr. Smythe said that the Tauber, Lipton & Co., had leased the building of the Hooker corporation and the passage of the resolution would not exempt the building from taxation. He said that Mr. Neil was a most estimable gentleman and he was glad to welcome such men to St. Johnsbury. He said Mr. Neil hoped to start the factory with 100 hands, but there was no limit to the number that could be employed at the St. Johnsbury factory, as the product of the 23 factories until October of the present year was already all sold. Mr. Smythe then outlined some of the difficulties with labor in the large cities, after which the meeting adjourned.

### Notes from the Public Schools

Miss Bertha Hodgkins, the teacher in the sixth grade of the Summer street schools, concludes her services and will return to her home in Lewiston, Me. Miss Hodgkins expects to be married soon. Mrs. Bailey F. Folsom will take her place for the remainder of the school year.

Miss Ada Anderson, the teacher in the fifth grade, has been called home by the serious illness of her mother. A meeting of the teachers in the village was held Wednesday afternoon to plan for observing next week as a thank week. Mrs. George C. Cary and J. H. Brooks of the school board addressed the meeting.

Miss May Lynch, representing the Palmer method of writing, visited the schools this week giving model lessons and demonstrations in penmanship. Miss Lynch also addressed the teachers on penmanship.

L. H. Baxter has a book in the printers' hands on bird houses. The book will be published by the Bruce Company of Milwaukee, the well-known publishers of manual training books.

### George C. Felch Given Birthday Reception

Tuesday evening the vestry of the Church of the Messiah was the scene of a gay party when the parish came together to honor George C. Felch, deacon of the church, on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday anniversary, inveigled into coming to the church on the pretense of a special choir rehearsal. With some grumbling George started for the church with a bundle of music under his arm large enough to choke a camel. Great was his surprise when he was greeted by the shouts and laughter of his many friends who awaited him.

He was conducted to a table where a mammoth cake with fifty candles rested. Ice cream, macaroons, lady fingers, etc., were served, a musical program was listened to, games and dancing were indulged in, and Mr. Charles French on behalf of the chorus choir, and the parish presented Mr. Felch with a watch chain, and a Shakespearean birthday book. The committee in charge of the affair consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. French, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Campbell and Miss Lil

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Look Forward To Next Saturday  
As A Great Shopping Day

Dollar Day  
Sale

IN ALL THE STORES

Saturday, March 6th

NEXT SATURDAY IS COMMUNITY DOLLAR DAY. Thursday and Friday's Caledonian-Record will contain pages packed solid with Dollar Day offerings. Merchants are presenting as never before to offer the most Unusual Bargains ever presented at any one time.

Watch Thursday's and Friday's Caledonian-Record for  
Special Sales at all the Stores

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## ST. JOHNSBURY WINS BANNER FOR XMAS SALE

Vermont Tuberculosis Ass'n  
Awards Honors for  
Seal Sales

Each year the Vermont Tuberculosis Association presents two banners for the highest per capita sale of Christmas Seals, one to the town or city over five thousand population, the other to the town of less than five thousand. In the first class St. Johnsbury wins the banner with Bennington a close second. St. Johnsbury sold 55,000 seals, 6.79 per capita, Bennington 58,251, 6.79 seals per capita. These two are the highest per capita records in Vermont. In the second class Brandon wins by selling 14,235, 5.24 per capita.

Mrs. Margaret Heywood had charge of the sale in St. Johnsbury. Professor D. W. McClelland in Bennington and Miss Florence Mosher in North Bennington. Mr. Collins of the firm Collins & Needham in Brandon. The success of the sale was due largely to the help of the teachers and school children.

The total sale will amount to about \$7,000. This is not quite as much as the sale in 1917 but is more than was expected for late in November the original plan to have a drive to raise \$50,000 was postponed and but little time was left to organize this sale.

The Vt. Tuberculosis Association is engaging three nurses who will receive ten weeks special training in Public Health work and a physician who will be an expert consultant on Tuberculosis. The physician will take five months for intensive study on the diagnosis of tuberculosis.

The Christmas seal money will finance the work of the Association until July 1st. Before that date the postponed financial drive will be put on for the purpose of raising funds to carry out the full plans for the prevention of tuberculosis in Vermont.

### Gives Date for Instructing Listers

The Commissioner of Taxes John M. Avery has announced that the meetings for instruction of listers will be held this year at one o'clock p. m. on the days and at the places designated in the following schedule: Newport, March 9th, 1 p. m. St. Johnsbury, March 10th, 1 p. m. Island Pond, March 11th, 1 p. m. Brattleboro, March 15th, 1 p. m. White River Junction, March 17th, 1 p. m. Montpelier, March 18th, 1 p. m. St. Albans, March 19th, 1 p. m. Bennington, March 23, 1 p. m. Rutland, March 24th, 1 p. m. Burlington, March 25th, 1 p. m.

Some of the people who won't consent to have any money spent on playgrounds, are the same ones who kick because children play in the streets and get in the way of their automobiles.

### Spent One Day In Chittenden County Jail

Ashley T. Bean of St. Johnsbury, Thomas P. O'Brien of Marshfield and Hector J. Hammell were sentenced Thursday by Judge Harland B. Howe in the Federal court at Burlington to one day each in the Chittenden county jail at Burlington for failure to file their questionnaires under the army draft law. These questionnaires were received before the armistice was signed but they were returnable after that date. The men said that they did not think it was necessary to return the papers after the armistice was signed.

## REMOVES PIECE OF MAN'S SKULL PRESSING THE BRAIN

Dr. Allen Performs Unusual  
Operation on John S. Ely  
of West Charleston

Dr. John M. Allen has successfully performed a very delicate and unusual operation upon John S. Ely of West Charleston by removing a small portion of the skull which caused a pressure on the brain. The operation was performed at Brightlook Hospital, St. Johnsbury, on Monday and Mr. Ely is now resting very comfortably. His brother-in-law, W. W. Blodgett of Newport was in St. Johnsbury during the day.

It will be remembered that Mr. Ely some weeks ago fell down stairs striking on a concrete floor and sustained very serious injuries at the Creamery of which he was manager.

### Sudden Death of Mrs. Emma Montgomery

Mrs. Emma Montgomery died of heart failure early Thursday evening just as she had reached the reception room of the St. Johnsbury Hospital where she had gone on account of a sudden ill turn. She had walked up the long steps to the hospital from Cherry street and was intending to attend Dr. Rees' evening service.

Mrs. Montgomery was born in St. Johnsbury Sept. 20, 1866, being the daughter of Major George W. and Nancy J. Morris Bonett. She was married Nov. 11, 1891, to Charles C. Montgomery, who died May 25, 1917. She leaves one son, Carroll M. Montgomery and one daughter, Virginia, wife of Robert Meigs. She also leaves two grandchildren, Carlyle Weston and Gertrude Weston.

Mrs. Montgomery had always lived on the home place in Arlington until about a year ago when she came to the Y. M. C. A. building where she and her sons had a suite of rooms. She was a faithful member of the South Congregational church and a lady who was devoted to the home. The funeral will be held from the Y. M. C. A. building Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. A. A. Poole.

## MASONS HONOR SOLDIERS OF THREE WARS

Past Masters' and Service  
Night Observed at the  
Temple

Past Masters' and Service night at the Temple Thursday night was attended by over 200 Masons and was one of the most impressive and inspiring services ever held by Passumpsic Lodge, No. 27, F. & A. M. While intended especially to honor

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## LOCAL COAL SITUATION MOST SERIOUS

Business Blocks and House-  
holders Almost Out of All  
Kinds of Coal

The coal situation in St. Johnsbury today is regarded by the dealers as the most serious in the history of the town and what little coal the dealers have is all sold out. The situation in the soft coal market is worse than anthracite and all the dealers as well as some of our factories have had their coal in transit taken by the railroads. This was done before the cars reached the Boston & Maine iron and it is only fair to this railroad to state that so far as is known they have not taken any coal intended for St. Johnsbury but have in at least one instance given a carload to a St. Johnsbury corporation that the business might not be interrupted.

The three dealers each received carloads of anthracite coal the past week and have sold this out in 500 and 1,000 pound lots, most of this was pea coal or egg, two varieties not usually used in furnaces or ranges, but most acceptable to any whose bins were empty. One dealer has sold 200 tons of pea coal this winter and also had quite a lot of buckwheat which has served a very useful purpose in mixing with other grades. Every dealer has coal in transit which will relieve the situation when it arrives.

Several of our largest business blocks are now burning wood, as well as many householders, and others have only enough soft coal to last through the day. The dealers, railroad officials and Commercial Club are doing everything possible to get coal into St. Johnsbury, but with weather conditions so severe and the embargo on the Boston & Maine the situation is still critical.

### Ice Business Sold To Earl H. Orcutt

Menut & Parks Co., have sold their ice business to Earl H. Orcutt who took possession March 1. This firm have handled ice for the past 10 years in connection with their wood and coal trade, but will devote their time and attention hereafter solely to handling fuel. They have just finished harvesting a large crop, though owing to weather conditions it cost them more to cut it than in any previous season. The ice they took from the river was about two feet thick, though a half mile below on the Passumpsic river the ice froze to a thickness of four feet and in some places the river was almost solid ice.

## DR. REES SPEAKS TO LARGE CROWD MONDAY NIGHT

Mass Meeting for Men at  
North Church Tonight  
—Important Message

Dr. Rees spoke at the North church Monday night to the largest number that have yet attended on a Monday night, the devotional exercises being conducted by Messrs. Morse, Pease and Martin.

Dr. Rees spoke from the 1st found in Heb. 7:25, "Wherefore is able to save to the uttermost that come." He said this uttermost salvation was true geographical salvation, the greatest power in the world to being the gospel.

The uttermost salvation is also moral. It converted such men as John Bunyan and Saul of Tarsus. The doctrine is true experimentally. "My grace is sufficient." If the power of Jesus is sufficient to tot change your life, as it has changed thousands of other lives, isn't it reasonable that it is sufficient to keep you from returning to the old life?

The doctrine is also true chronologically, that is with reference to time. The power of God saves to uttermost of time. It saves morning and night. Some things we care only at certain seasons or at special times, but the Christian spirit grows better and brighter every day. The happiest people are not necessarily the wealthiest or the best educated but they are those who know Christ best.

Is there anything anywhere that offered on such easy conditions this utmost salvation. The simpler of it should appeal to every one.

### "A GREAT QUESTION" ASK AT THE MORNING SERVICE.

Every seat in the North church was taken at the union service Sunday morning and the local pastor participating in the devotional part the service were Messrs. Morse, Pease, Richards, Martin and Dr. Rees preached from the text found in Mark 8:36, "For what is life if we do not have the life of the world to come?"

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### LOST—Fox Terrier

February 14, brown and white sabbath answer to name of B. Finder please notify

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